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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jacques H. Louis-Jacques

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 December 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file. However, Applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome any rejection that may be applied against the claims because a translation of said papers has not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. See MPEP § 201.15.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 29, 2003, November 4, 2004, and October 17, 2005 have been considered by the examiner. Initialed copies of the IDS are attached herewith.

Drawings

3. Figure 7 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

As described in paragraphs [005] and [0022], Figure 7 is of the known or conventional art.

Specification

4. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the sentence in paragraph [0006] is not clear, in particular, the part that reads "...the first required torque is higher than a predetermined value is the first torque modified to have..."

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Art in view of Tabata [5,899,830].

As admitted by Applicant in the Background of the Invention, the prior art (hereafter admitted art) discloses a torque control method for controlling a throttle motor on the basis of a required torque of an engine. According to the admitted art, there is provided computing a first required torque on the basis of a depression amount of an acceleration pedal and an engine speed; and computing a second required torque by multiplying an output value of a gradient limit function by an output value of a time delay function (or torque filter). See paragraph [004]. The output value of the gradient limit function, according to the admitted art, is determined on the basis of the first required torque, an acceleration pedal depression amount, an engine speed, and a shift range (gearshift

position). See paragraph [005]. The output value of the basic gradient limit function is determined from predetermined look-up table. The admitted art does not particularly describe the gradient limit function. Tabata, on the other hand, discloses an electronically controlled throttle system. Tabata discloses that the output value of the time delay function is determined on the basis of the shift range. Tabata also discloses that the output value of the time delay function is determined from predetermined look-up table. See figures 5 and 6. As can be seen from the disclosure in columns 1, 5 and 6, Tabata discloses determining a basic gradient limit function based the first required torque, the engine speed, and the shift range; and a weight function based on the acceleration pedal depression amount and the shift range. In particular, Tabata discloses that the output value of the basic gradient limit function and the output value of the weight function are determined from a plurality of predetermined look-up tables. See column 5. As shown in the table (map), the output value of the weight function is proportional to the acceleration pedal depression amount. Furthermore, in column 5, Tabata discloses that the output value of the time delay function is determined motor on the basis of the shift range and is proportional to the shift range. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to be motivated to modify the admitted art by incorporating the features from the electric torque control of Tabata because such modification, as suggested by Tabata, would provide good acceleration performance while improving riding comfort.

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Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacques H. Louis-Jacques whose telephone number is 571-272-6962. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 5:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on 571-272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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